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SUBJECT: VENEZUELA'S OAS AMBASSADOR COMMENTS ON OAS AND
SECRETARY'S SPEECH

1. VENEZUELA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS, JOSE MARI MACHIN,
PRESENTLY IN CARACAS, COMMENTED UPON THE OAS IN AN
INTERVIEW APPEARING IN EL NACIONAL MARCH 6. MACHIN STATED
THAT "LATIN AMERICA ACTED IN A COMMON AND UNITED FRONT BEFORE
THE RESTRICTIVE AND POLITICALLY COERCIVE NORMS
ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. FOREIGN TRADE LAW...I FIRMLY HOPE THAT
THIS UNITED WILL CONTINUE AND BECOME A PERMANENT FORM OF ACTION
BY OUR GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES."

2. ASKED ABOUT KISSINGER'S MARCH 1 SPEECH, MACHIN SAID IT
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CONTAINED BOTH "POSITIVE" AND "NEGATIVE" ASPECTS.

MACHIN SAID POSITIVE ASPECTS WERE RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, FOR INCREASED COMMERCIAL INTERCHANGE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICAN, AND FOR CONTROL OF TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES. MACHIN CHARACTERIZED AS NEGATIVE STATEMENTS THAT LATIN AMERICAN IS TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE ITS INDEPENDENCE BY ATTACKING THE U.S. AND THAT THE LATIN COUNTRIES HAD BROKEN OFF THE DIALOGUE WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN CARRIED IN BUENOS AIRES.

3. MACHIN SAID THAT WHAT LATIN AMERICA WANTS IS "JUST AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES; THAT ITS REAL ECONOMIC SITUATION BE CONSIDERED AND THAT ITS SOVEREIGNTY BE RESPECTED." MACHIN SAID THAT SUSPENSION OF THE BUENOS AIRES DIALOGUE WAS NOT LATIN AMERICA'S FAULT, BUT WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED "DID NOT YET HAVE A HOPEFUL REALITY" (REALIDAD ESPERANZADORA,), AND THAT A DISCUSSION OF COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND THE U.S. WAS FORESTALLED BY THE "DISCRIMINATORY AND COERCIVE" TRA.

4. MACHIN SAID THAT REFORM OF THE OAS WOULD ESTABLISH TWO PERMANENT OAS COUNCILS, ONE POLITICAL LOCATED IN WASHINGTON AND ANOTHER ECONOMIC LOCATED IN A LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY.
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